



**My Tiny Plot**



**How to Set Up a Gardening Blog**



# Build Your Blog & Upload Photos

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WordPress.com Preferred Language: English

Sign Up Features Support Story Advanced

## Get your own WordPress.com account in seconds

Fill out this one-step form and you'll be blogging seconds later!

**Username:**   
(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)

**Email Address:**   
(We'll send your password to this address, so triple-check it.)

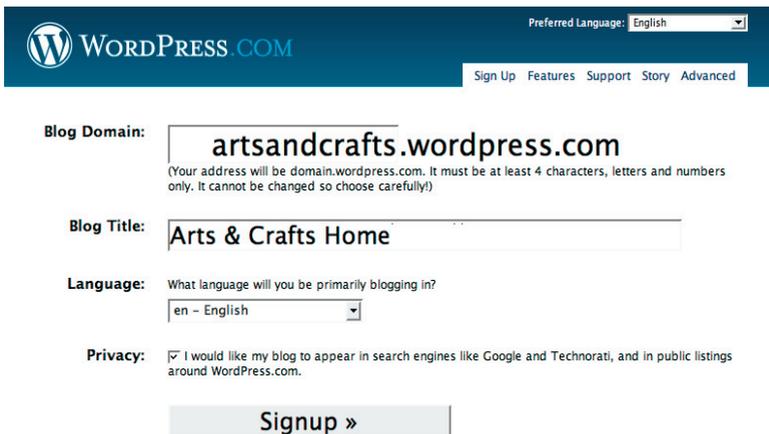
**Legal flotsam:**  I have read and agree to the [fascinating terms of service](#).

Gimme a blog! (Like [username.wordpress.com](#))

Just a username, please.

**Next »**

- 1 Firstly you go to [www.wordpress.com](http://www.wordpress.com) and click the button 'Start Your Wordpress Blog'. Choose a username (this can be anything) and enter your e-mail address (this is where they will send your activation e-mail). Check the T & Cs box and the radio button 'gimme a blog'.



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**Blog Domain:**   
(Your address will be [domain.wordpress.com](#). It must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only. It cannot be changed so choose carefully!)

**Blog Title:**

**Language:** What language will you be primarily blogging in?

**Privacy:**  I would like my blog to appear in search engines like Google and Technorati, and in public listings around WordPress.com.

**Signup »**

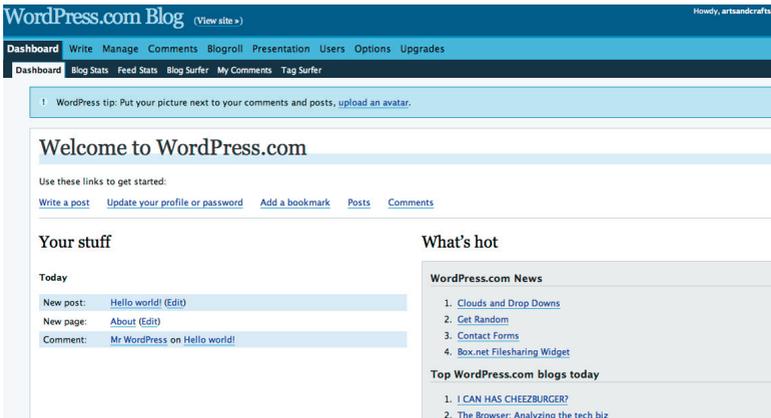
- 2 Next choose a blog Title. This won't change your blog site address but it will tell potential readers what your blog is about. So think about it carefully. If you want your blog to appear on search engines then click the button that corresponds with this.

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- 3 Once you have signed up you will be sent an activation e-mail (to the e-mail address you have given). Click the link on this e-mail and sign in using your new username and password. Hit 'remember me' if you're like me and rubbish at remembering passwords!



- 4 You're in! This is what your blog 'back-end' looks like. It's called the Dashboard and is the place where you will write new posts, upload images and moderate comments. You can also see who's linking to your blog.

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## User List by Role

**1 shown below**

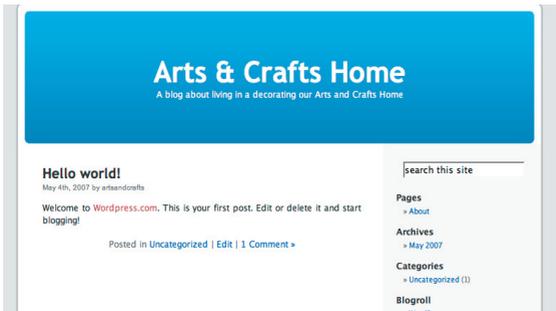
**Administrator**

ID	Username	Name	E-mail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1113141	artsandcrafts		<a href="mailto:gill@carsonsystem">gill@carsonsystem</a>

**Update Selected**

Remove checked users.
   
 Set the Role of checked users to:

- 5 The first thing you need to do is to give yourself super-duper Administrator powers so you can rule over your blog empire. Hit the check box next to your name and click the radio button 'Set the Role of Checked Users to Administrator'. Click 'Bulk Update'.



- 6 This is what your blog will look like in its initial state. To delete the 'Hello World' comment just go into the 'Manage' tab in the Dashboard, choose that particular post and hit 'Delete Comment'.

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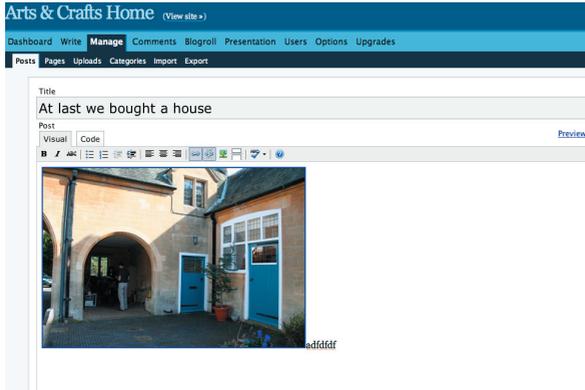
- 7 If you would like to write a post with an image attached to it then you will need to upload a photo. Scale your image to around 440 pixels wide (although you will need to check this is correct for your blog's theme) and export the photo to your desktop.



- 8 Next go to the Dashboard and hit the 'Write' tab at the top of the screen. Scroll down until you see the Upload section. Hit the Browse tab and find the image you want to upload, give it a title and hit 'Upload'. You will then see the screen on the right which asks you if you want to use the full image or a thumbnail. Click 'full image' and then hit Send to Editor.

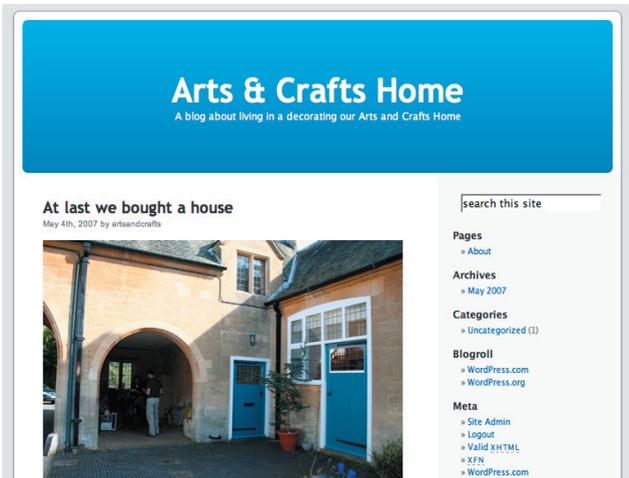
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Once your photo is inside the blog editor you can start to write some text to go with it. Be sure to put a soft return (shift return) after your photo as this will create some space around your photo. Alternatively, you can hit 'Code' view and add `<p>` and `</p>` tags around your text.

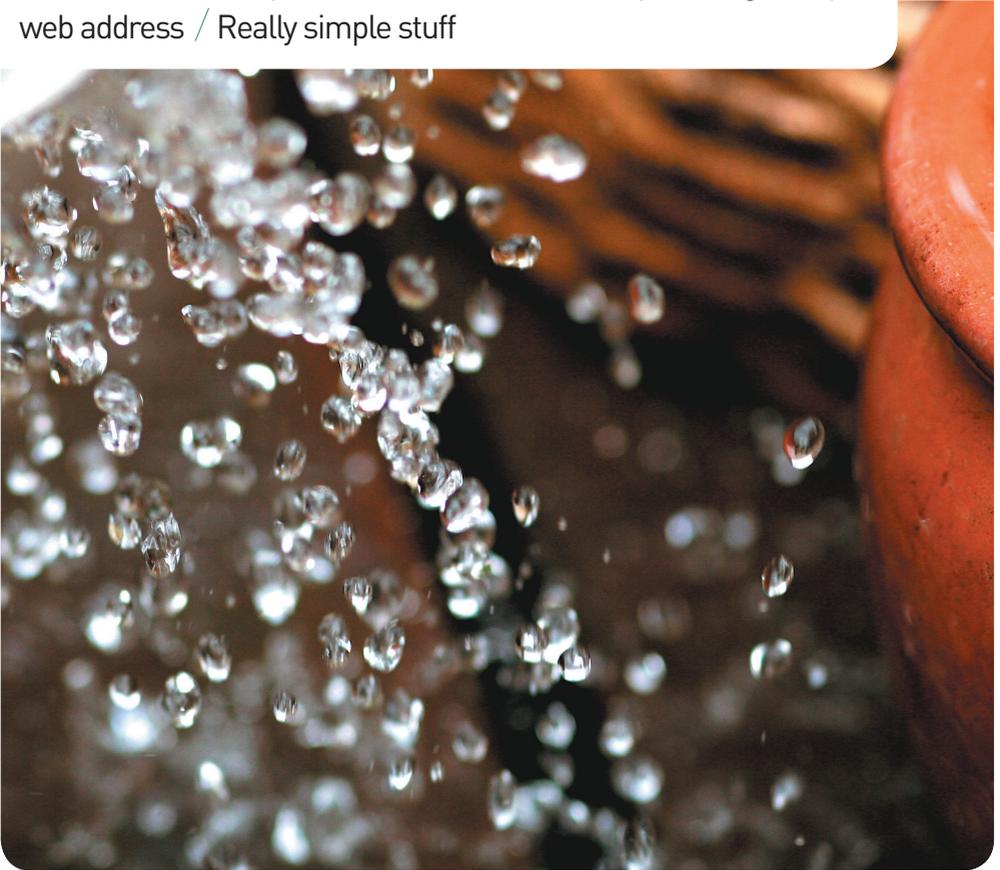


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Once you have finished writing your post you can do two things with it. You can save it as 'Draft' or you can 'Publish' it. We chose to publish our post and it immediately appeared on the site - as above.

# Buy a Domain Name & Redirect to it

/ Buy a Domain Name / Redirect your blog to any  
web address / Really simple stuff



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## Working with Domain Names



### Domain search results

Select your preferred domain names and then click 'add to basket'.

**add to basket** ▶

**Popular domains**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.co.uk	available ?	£2.59 a year	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.uk.com	available ?	£29.99 a year	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.gb.com	available ?	<del>£29.99</del> £14.99 a year	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.eu	available ?	£14.95 a year	1 year
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.org	available ?	£8.99 a year	2 years ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.org.uk	available ?	£2.59 a year	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.me.uk	available ?	£2.59 a year	2 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.net	available ?	£8.99 a year	2 years ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	artsandcraftshome.biz	available ?	£8.99 a year	2 years ▼

- 1 So you have your blog set up but you're not too happy with your myblog.wordpress.com domain name. You need to buy your own. Choose a domain name registration site (like www.123-reg.co.uk) and search to see if your chosen domain is available. Mine is and it will cost me £2.59 a year (cheap!)

from 123-reg.co.uk home | about

1 domain search → 2 domain options → 3 your basket → 4 your details → 5 activation

**Domain only**

At 123-reg you get more than just a name; each domain name comes with a free InstantSite homepage, full DNS control, email forwarding & web forwarding and access to an online control panel.

**continue** ▶

- 2 Next choose what type of domain you need. You don't need hosting because Wordpress is already kindly hosting your blog for you. All you will need is the domain. However, make sure that 'web forwarding' is included in this package - you'll see why in a second.

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### **123-reg Domain Control Panel**

Currently managing **artsandcraftshome.co.uk**

**Manage My Blog**

**Access my InstantSite Account**

**Web Forwarding**

**E-mail forwarding**

**Manage DNS**

- 3 Once you have chosen and paid for your new domain name you will be given a username and password in order to log into your domain's admin area or Control Panel and set up web forwarding.



- 4 Once you have logged in choose your domain in the 'Manage Domains' dropdown. Hit 'Modify Domain'.

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If you select this option anyone typing artsandcraftshome.co.uk into a web browser will be shown the 123-Reg default page.

**Framed web-forwarding to a single page**

If you select web-forwarding to a single page the destination URL can have a suffix on the end (e.g. index.htm). It could just point to a directory (URL ends with /) in which case the files displayed depend on the webserver 'directory index' settings. The destination URL will be replaced by artsandcraftshome.co.uk.

- 5 You will then be asked what type of web forwarding you require. In the case of 123 Reg you will choose 'Framed Web Forwarding to a single page'. This will simply direct your blog (artsandcrafts.wordpress.com) to the domain you just purchased.

URL to forward website for artsandcraftshome.co.uk to:

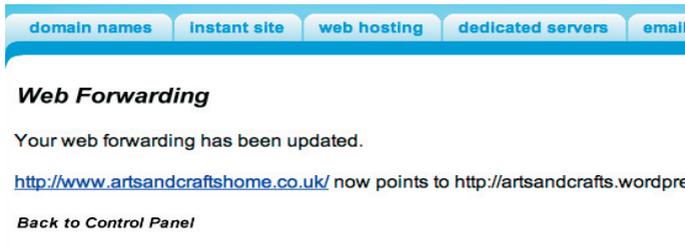
Title to be displayed in browser (for framed forwarding only):

URL of page icon (commonly favicon.ico):

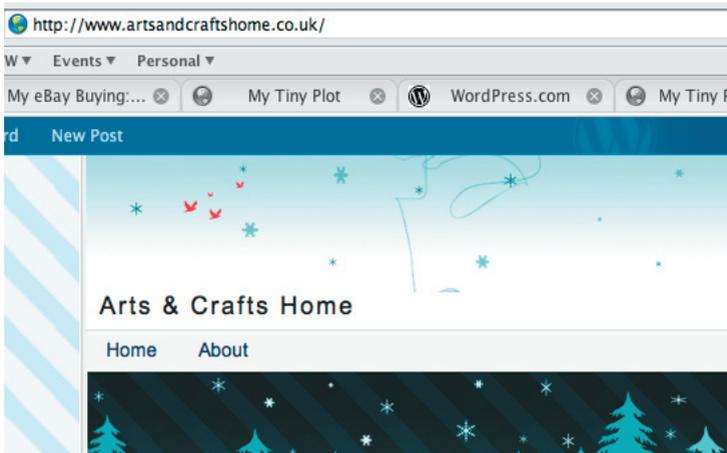
- 6 Enter your new blog address as the website you want your URL to point to. Then give it a title. This is usually the title of your blog in Wordpress. Submit your changes.

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- 7 You will then see a confirmation screen telling you that you have successfully forwarded your blog to your new domain name.



- 8 Give the system a few minutes to update and then test your web forwarding by typing in your new domain name to check if your blog appears. Tip: it should!

[mytinyplot.co.uk](https://mytinyplot.co.uk)

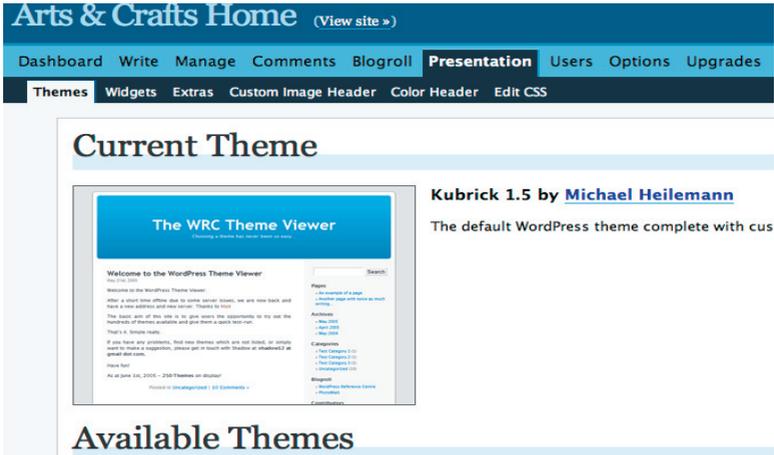
# Choose a Theme & Stick to it?

/Choose a theme/Change your theme/Choose another theme /Stick to it?/



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## Choosing a Theme



**Arts & Crafts Home** (View site >)

Dashboard Write Manage Comments Blogroll **Presentation** Users Options Upgrades

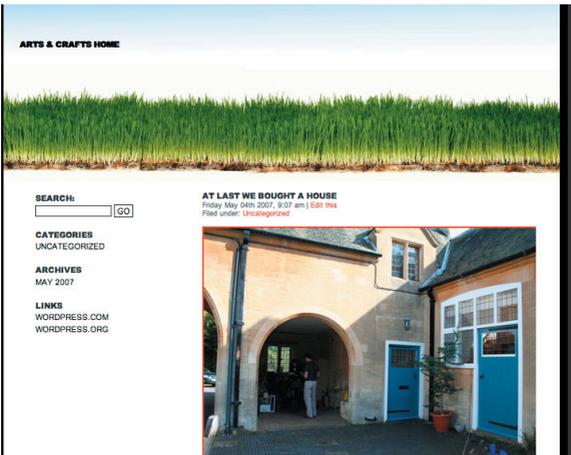
Themes Widgets Extras Custom Image Header Color Header Edit CSS

### Current Theme

**Kubrick 1.5** by **Michael Heilemann**  
The default WordPress theme complete with cus

### Available Themes

- 1 So you've set up your new blog and you've bought a brand new domain for it. But the design is looking a bit, well, uninspired. What do you do about it? You can change the theme of your blog. Simply log into the Dashboard and choose the Presentation tab. There you will see the Themes editor.



**ARTS & CRAFTS HOME**

**AT LAST WE BOUGHT A HOUSE**  
Friday, May 4th, 2007, 9:07 am | [Edit this](#)  
Filed under: [Uncategorized](#)

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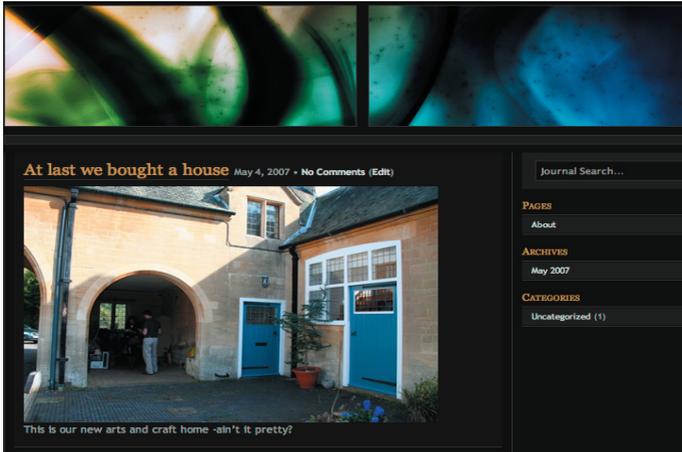
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[WORDPRESS.COM](#)  
[WORDPRESS.ORG](#)

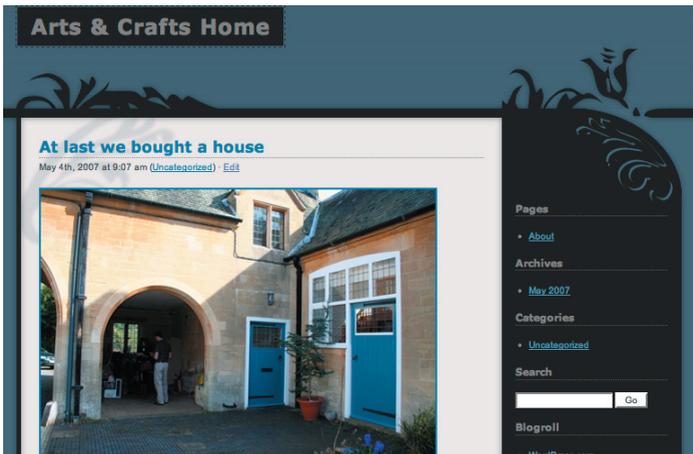
- 2 Once inside the Themes editor you will see that your blog is currently using the default blog theme, Kubrick 1.5 (along with around 1.5 million other Wordpress bloggers no doubt). But of course you want to be different. All you need to do is choose another theme (there are a few ready loaded for your convenience).

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- 3 Click on a new theme and this theme will automatically become active. Click on 'View Site' next to the Dashboard logo and you will see your new design in all its glory.



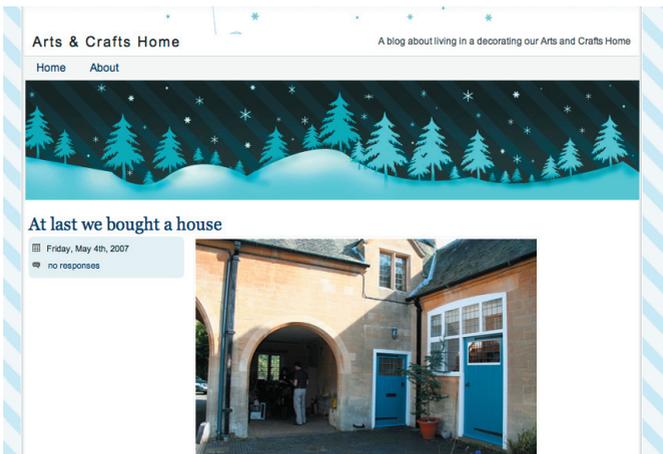
- 4 This design is called Dusk by Becca Wei - it's pretty fitting for an 'Arts and Crafts' blog. However, there is a distinct lack of buttons across the top of the page (which are handy) and the space for the photo is slightly longer than the 440 pixels that my image is saved at. But this can be fixed by resizing and re-uploading the image.

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- 5 Choosing a theme that already has an image in the header bar that runs across the top is a good option if you're not creatively inclined. However be warned that everyone else using this theme may still be using the default image too.



- 6 This wintry scene is pretty cool - I think I'll stick with this one for now.